

**Rumson Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting January 16, 2020
Charles S. Callman Courthouse**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Charles Shay.

2. Pledge of Alliance

3. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Charles Shay, Vice Chairman Thomas Clark, Council President Laura Atwell, Mrs. Laura Tooker, Mr. Jim Fitzmaurice, Mr. Jon Carras and Mr. Robert Adler

Absent: Mr. Ross Millhiser

Other attendees: Mr. Ben Day

Chairman Shay declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by posting and mailing of a schedule all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2020 to the Asbury Park Press, the Two Rivers Times and the Rumson Borough Website.

4. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Fitzmaurice and seconded by Vice Chairman Clark. Chairman Shay to forward to Mr. Day for posting on the Borough Website.

5. Chairman Report

The staggered term expiration dates for HPC members has been completed and will be in effect beginning January 1, 2020. Commission members signed the Oath of Office forms with the new staggered expiration terms for each member.

The Commission welcomed new member Mr. Robert Adler. Mr. Adler replaces Mr. Steven Peterson who stepped down from the Commission. Mr. Ben Day will be joining the Commission as an Alternate in February. Chairman Shay and HPC members welcomed the new members.

Chairman Shay reviewed the 2019 Achievements and Goals for 2020. A Motion was made by Mr. Carras and seconded by Mrs. Tooker to approve presenting 2019 Achievements and 2020 Goals to the Borough Council.

6. Liaison Report

Vice Chairman Clark reported that the Planning Board heard a subdivision application for 3 Black Point Horseshoe. This property is on the HPC inventory list.

7. 2019 HPC Accomplishments

- Added new properties turning 100 years old in 2019
- Updated splash page with links to specific content
- Added line drawings to Glossary Photos
- Presented Preservation award to Bob and Karen Austin
- Rumson Road Street Lamps Project – inventory of street lamps completed and provided to the Borough Engineer.
- Communicated with researcher on Barbour Genealogy
- Communicated with Rumson residents via Borough Newsletter, Journal and resident email
- Sorted and organized the Moss History Room – Moss History Room Project completed and will be open to the public beginning January 2020 on Tuesday's 10-2 by appointment.
- Proposal of a Rumson history unit by HPC to the Rumson Superintendent of Schools was accepted and is now part of the curriculum.
- Reviewed all original spreadsheets for missed properties
- HPC Display Case in Borough Hall Lobby – Updated quarterly with historic theme items

8. HPC Goals for 2020

- **Ongoing**
 - Add properties turning 100 years old in 2020 to website
 - Add additional Rumson history materials and in-depth articles to website
 - Add "Gone but not Forgotten" properties
 - Historic Preservation Award 2020
 - Historic Plaque Program to be continued based on success in 2019
 - Continue with Enhancement of Narrated Virtual Tours on website
 - Continue to be a resource to owners of historic properties
 - Communicate with residents on HPC activities through the Borough Newsletter, HPC website and other publications
 - Begin collecting data on properties turning 100 years old that qualify and can be added to the website

- **New**
 - Special plaque for Bingham Hall
 - Rumson History Vol 3 (purple book updated)
 - Begin collecting data on over 100 properties that will turn 100 years old within the next 3 years so that those qualifying can be added to the website
- **Points of Interest**
 - Inventory in 2019 had 13 additions and two deletions (demos)
 - Total inventory # is currently 263 hundred years or older
 - There will be 100 properties turning 100 in 2022
 - There are 4 properties turning 100 in 2020 and Zero in 2021

9. Sub Committees

- **Awards Program**
 - Commission discussed potential ways to increase resident participation in the HPC Award nomination process.
 - Draft letter to promote homeowners of historic homes on the inventory to self-nominate.
 - Historic plaque application form will be updated and posted on the HPC website for residents to download.
- **Narrated Tour Enhancements**
 - Updates to existing narrated tours will be completed
 - Commission discussed potential projects to expand narration on the website to include specific properties
- **Gone but Not Forgotten**
 - Explore ways to link stored photographs to the website

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 20, 2020 in Charles S. Callman Courthouse at 6:00 PM.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 after a motion by Mr. Fitzmaurice and seconded by Mrs. Tooker.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Tooker, Secretary